

EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Code **BBCE**

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Revised:

Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:

S.C. Code Ann. § 59-5-60(8) (2004):

The State Board of Education shall have the power to:

Appoint such committees and such members of committees as may be required or as may be desirable to carry out the orderly function of the Board;

S.C. Code Ann. § 59-5-70 (2004):

(A) The board may, in its discretion, designate one or more of its members to conduct any hearing in connection with any responsibility of the board and to make a report on any such hearing to the board for its determination.

(B) The board in its discretion may also designate a hearing officer for the purpose of hearing matters relating to the suspension or revocation of teacher certificates. The hearing officer shall then make a recommendation to the board for final action.

State Board Rule:

Educator Certification Committee

Duties:

1. To consider and hear from applicants for initial educator certification, student teaching, or letters of eligibility who have negative criminal background checks, or a negative certification history from another state, who do not pass the screening procedures established by State Board Rule BBCDA. The committee may approve the application of any educator appearing before it pursuant to this rule; however, the denial of an application must be recommended to the State Board of Education.
2. To review and approve consent orders and orders of default involving certified educators, subject to the final approval of the State Board of Education.

3. To hear contested educator certification cases, in cases where a State Board appointed hearing officer is not appointed and to recommend final action to the State Board of Education.
4. All actions by this committee, except for the approval of initial certification matters, must be presented to the State Board of Education for final approval. This may be done in the form of a ratification agenda.